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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR POPULATION OF ASMARA AND NEARBY
VILLAGES

REF ADDIS ABABA 1763

1. ON AFTERNOON OF 14 FEB 3 REPS OF ASMARA BRANCH OF THE ETHIOPIAN
RED CROSS APPROACHED CONGEN FOR MEDICAL AND RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR
ASMARA POPULATION. THEY ESTIMATE 20,500 PEOPLE IN REFUGEE CAMPS
IN ASMARA. THEY HAVE NO HARD INFO ON NEED OUTSIDE ASMARA SINCE THEY
ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT THE 4 VILLAGES REPORTEDLY DESTROYED
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DURING PAST TWO WEEKS. REPS FROM HDQ OF ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS

HAVE VISITED ASMARA AND BROUGHT SOME RELIEF SUPPLIES, BUT LOCAL REPS BELIEVE SUPPLIES AND ASSISTANCE TO DATE INADEQUATE.

2. FOOD IS AVAILABLE IN THE ASMARA MARKETS. FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, GRAIN, AND SOME MEAT IS BEING SOLD. PRICE GOUGING WHICH OCCURRED DURING FIRST FEW DAYS OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED. SOME MEAT PACKING COMPANIES, WITH NO REFRIGERATION DUE TO LACK OF ELECTRICITY, DONATED THEIR STOCKS TO THE REFUGEE CAMPS. THE FEW GRAIN MILLS OPERATED BY FUEL ARE NOT ABLE TO MEET THE DEMAND TO GRIND GRAIN INTO FLOUR, THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY MET BY ELECTRICAL POWERED MILLS. MANY FACTORY WORKERS AND DAY LABORERS, WHO ARE WITHOUT MONEY, ARE LEAVING ASMARA BECAUSE THEY CAN NOT AFFORD TO BUY WHAT FOOD IS AVAILABLE.

3. THE REPS OF THE ASMARA BRANCH OF ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS GAVE CONGEN FOLLOWING LIST OF NEEDED SUPPLIES:

- A. CUT GUT #2, 1, 0 2-0, 3-0 (50 BOXES) EACH
 - B. SILK #1, 2, 0, 2-0, 3-0 (10 BOXES) EACH
 - C. SUTURE NEEDLES (FRENCH OR AUTOMATIC EYE, VARIOUS SIZES)
 - D. BANDAGES (BIG, MEDIUM) 100 PACKS
 - E. SURGICAL GLOVES #6 1/2, 7 (20 BOXES OF 25)
 - F. -.498\$?0 :7** 12
 - G. STETHOSCOPE 12
 - H. FLUSH LAMPS (E BATTERIES) 12
 - I. LARYNGOSCOPE (DIRECT) (VARIOUS SIZE BLADES) 3
 - J. CLAMPS
 - 1. KOCHER (MEDIUM) 3 DOZ, LONG CURVED - 1 DOZEN
 - 2. KELLEY'S (CURVED AND STRAIGHT) 3 DOZEN, CURVED PEAN - 1 DOZEN.
 - 3. MOSQUITOS 3 DOZEN
 - 4. BABCOKS 1 DOZEN
 - 5. SPONGE HOLDERS (LONG) 3 DOZEN.
 - 6. TOWEL CLIPS 2 DOZEN
 - 7. LONG THUMB FORCEPS (2 AND 5 TOOTH) 4 EACH
 - K. NEEDLE HOLDERS (LONG, MED, AND SHORT 4 EACH
 - L. LONG DISSECTING SCISSORS 3
 - M. SCALPAL HOLDERS (VAR. SIZES) 2 DOZEN
 - N. RIB RETRACTORS (ADULT -2)(CHILD -2)
 - O. SUCTION PUMPS (GOMCO) 6
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- AMBU TYPE 4
- P. KERSCHEN WIRES (MED, BIG SIZES) 500 EACH
- Q. STEINMAN 500
- R. KUNTCHEN NAIL (MED, SMALL) 500
- S. ELECTRIC DRILL 2
 - HAND DRILL 2
- T. RIB CUTTER 2
- U. BONE CUTTER (LEVER) 6

V. TRACHEOSTROMY TUBES (METAL) #7,5,1, - 10 EACH
RUBBER TRACHEOTOMY TUBE (VAR. SIZES) 3 DOZ.
INFLATABLE BAGS
W. FOLEY CATHECATER (SIZE 0-24) 3 DOZEN
X. RECTAL TUBES 1 DOZEN
Y. PLASMA AND PLASMA EXPANDERS
Z. ANTIBIOTICS.

FOOD REQUIREMENTS FOR USE IN REFUGEE CAMPS ARE:
FLOUR, POWDERED MILK, AND BEANS.

4. REQUEST AMEMBASSY ADDIS COORDINATE REQUEST WITH ICRC IN ADDIS
TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH OF REQUIREMENT CAN BE MET FROM THEIR STOCKS
SCHEDULED TO BE SHIPPED TO ERITREA. SUGGEST DEPT CONTACT AMERICAN
RED CROSS FOR THAT PART OF REQUIREMENT NOT MET BY ICRC. CONGEN
RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTY IN GETTING PMAC APPROVAL FOR SHIPMENT OF
ICRC SUPPLIES TO ASMARA, BUT BELIEVES AMEMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE USE
ITS INFLUENCE TO FACILITATE THIS HUMANITARIAN CASE.

5. SUBSTANCE ABOVE MAY BE USED BY EMB WITH ICRC REPS AND ANY
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN EFFORT OBTAIN ASSISTANCE NEEDED
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